



# Surfside Town Gazette

April 2008

## Mayor's View



Dear Friends and Neighbors,  
First and foremost, THANK YOU. Thank you for your support, your confidence and mostly your trust. I am truly fortunate to live in a Town where my friends and neighbors are so interested in the future of

our home and are willing to get involved. I promise to continue to protect Surfside and our amazingly special and now a-days, rare way of life.

With the campaigning and election now behind us, we can all settle back down to business and I can talk about issues again here in my column. I expect the following key issues to be front and center in the

coming months, but before I look forward, let's look back for a minute.

The speed of our progress was a big topic in my travels over the last many weeks and while I'm not going to make excuses, I want to offer you a "no spin" review in very broad terms. The first 6 months of our last term was largely consumed with

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(L-R) Commissioner **Steven Levine**, Vice Mayor **Marc Imberman**, Mayor **Charles Burkett**, Commissioners **Elizabeth Calderon** & **Howard Weinberg**.  
(In Front) Future leaders, **Anton**, **Ariel**, and **Adam Weinberg**.

On Tuesday, March 18th, Surfside residents delivered a very clear affirmation of support for the goals and direction of the previous Commission, by re-electing Mayor Charles Burkett and Commissioner Howard Weinberg to office, in addition to incumbent Commissioners Marc Imberman – Seat 2 and Steven Levine – Seat 3 who were unopposed, and therefore were automatically considered elected for an addi-

## ELECTION 2008 Surfsiders Deliver A Strong Vote of Confidence

tional two years. Newly elected Commissioner, Elizabeth Calderon, completes the 2008 – 2010 leadership team. Each of the successful electoral candidates received

approximately 50% more votes than their opponents.

In front of family, friends, and

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# The Community Center Deconstruction Begins

On Tuesday, March 11th, Surfside residents, the Town Commission, administrative staff and invited guests gathered outside the building at 9301 Collins Avenue for the Community Center Deconstruction Ceremony. The process for deconstruction was initiated, with the symbolic lowering of the 45 year old Town Seal medalion to the ground, which was removed



for preservation purposes.

Mayor Charles Burkett, served as the Master of Ceremonies for the proceedings. He introduced representatives of the community center project management team from Calvin, Giordano and Associates. He recognized the architects from Spillis, Candela, who were complimented on creating a design that respects the Miami Modern

(MiMO) architectural details of the current structure, yet incorporates the numerous elements required for the building of an improved facility, that is capable of meeting the changing technological and programming needs of an increasingly younger, more diverse community.

Once completed, the Community Center will again be a point of pride for, and asset to, all of the people of Surfside.



## Attention Surfsiders: Your Town Commission Wants To Hear From You

The Town Commission invites and encourages all Surfsiders to consider serving on a Town Bureau, Board or Committee. At the Town Commission meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 8, 2008 new appointments may be made to the following Bureaus, Boards and Committees:

- Parks & Recreation Committee
- Education Committee

- Green Committee
- Personnel Appeals Board
- Tourist Bureau
- Welcome Committee

If you are interested in serving on any Bureau, Board, or Committee, please contact the Town Clerk at [barguelles@townofsurfsidefl.gov](mailto:barguelles@townofsurfsidefl.gov), by **Monday, April 7 at NOON** with the following details: the name of the

Bureau, Board or Committee that appeals to you, as well as your name, address, telephone number, email address and whether or not you happen to have an area of expertise or special interest. All information received will be forwarded to the Mayor and Town Commissioners to assist them in their committee appointee selection process.

### Election 2008

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administrative staff, the newly elected Town Commission was sworn into office at 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 19 by Town Clerk, Beatris Arguelles. Each official thanked the residents of Surfside for giving them the

opportunity to serve the community and, each recognized that the achievements of the Commission are accomplished with the assistance and support of Surfside residents. To that end, each pledged to continue the previous commission mandate of "inclusion" rather than "exclusion" and wholeheartedly encouraged the community to become more involved, to join committees, to

bring their voices to commission meetings, and email their representatives.





# Surfside Commission Highlights



## 1. Town Manager's Report

The Interim Manager reported to the Commission on the activities of the Town Manager Candidate Blue Ribbon Panel. The members did a preliminary resume review to determine how many candidates to interview. Seven candidates were selected to be interviewed. Each of the seven candidates met with the Blue Ribbon Panel. The Panel chose four out of the seven to be interviewed by the Town Commission. A follow up on the references for the returning four was conducted. The candidates were informed of their advancement to the next phase of the selection process. The Manager scheduled one-on-one interviews between the candidates and elected officials for the morning of March 25 and in the afternoon public interviews would occur.

The Interim Manager explained that one benefit of the Community Center move to the modular units, is the opportunity to conduct some serious "housekeeping" of worn out or damaged items. The Interim Manager asked the Commission for their approval in declaring a listed asset piano, deemed to be in extreme disrepair, as surplus. The Interim Manager indicated that the Town even had someone to take the broken item away, free of charge.

The Interim Manager distributed to the Town Commission a document titled Surfside Annual Report which had been prepared by Jody Roodman, Special Projects Coordinator. The Manager indicated that the report contained an overview of the Town departments, their accomplishments during the past year and their goals, as well as an organizational chart. The Manager told the Commission that the document would be distributed to the Town Manager Candidates and eventually would be placed on the Website.

To facilitate the selection of a new Town Manager, the Interim Manager reminded the Commission of the meeting schedule following the upcoming election. The Interim Town Manager indicated that a decision regarding the

selection of a Town Manager from the newly elected officials, whoever they may be, was anticipated to be made on Tuesday, March 25, 2008.

**The following Resolutions were approved at the February 26th Meeting:**

2. A Resolution of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida, transmitting and adopting the Town's Evaluation and Appraisal Report; providing for transmittal to the Florida Department of Community Affairs and all other units of local government or governmental agencies required by law; providing for severability; providing for repeal of conflicts; providing for an effective date. **Vote: UNANIMOUS**

3. A Resolution of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida approving a work authorizing agreement for professional engineering services related to the Town of Surfside comprehensive plan amendment between the Town of Surfside and Calvin, Giordano & Associates, Inc. providing for implementation of agreement; and providing for an effective date. **Vote: UNANIMOUS**

4. A Resolution of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida approving a work authorizing agreement for professional engineering services related to the Town of Surfside Drainage Improvements Project between the Town of Surfside and Calvin, Giordano & Associates, Inc. providing for implementation of agreement; and providing for an effective date. **Vote: UNANIMOUS**

5. A Resolution of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida, authorizing the Interim Town Manager to enter into an agreement with Wallace Air Conditioning Service, Inc. for the installation and replacement of Air Conditioning Unit RTU #4, providing for implementation of agreement; and providing for an effective date. **Vote: UNANIMOUS**

6. A Resolution of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside,

Florida, approving agreement for Information Technologies Services (IT Services) between the Town and Calvin, Giordano & Associates, Inc. providing for implementation of agreement; and providing for an effective date. **Vote: UNANIMOUS**

7. A Resolution of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida, endorsing National Black History Month during the month of February and providing for an effective date. **Vote: UNANIMOUS**

**The following Resolutions were approved at the March 11th Meeting:**

8. A Resolution of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida approving a work order for grant writing services related to the Meloul Property re-submitted pursuant to the agreement between the Town of Surfside and Cape Canaveral Scientific, Inc. for grant writing services which piggybacked on City of Tampa RFP 61020106 and resulting agreement dated July 27, 2006, providing for implementation of agreement; and providing for an effective date. **Vote: UNANIMOUS**

9. A Resolution of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida approving a work order for grant writing services related to the FCT Municipal Complex Property pursuant to the agreement between the Town of Surfside and Cape Canaveral Scientific, Inc. for grant writing services which piggybacked on City of Tampa RFP 61020106 and resulting agreement dated July 27, 2006, providing for implementation of agreement; and providing for an effective date. **Vote: UNANIMOUS**

10. A Resolution of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida approving a work order for grant writing services related to the FCT Applications pursuant to the agreement between the Town of Surfside and Cape Canaveral Scientific, Inc. for grant writing services which piggybacked on City of Tampa RFP 61020106 and

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## Mayor's View

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settling lawsuits and lawyer problems. The next 6 months was mostly dedicated to our efforts to form a consensus plan for Surfside's next 20 years (The Charrette). The next 6 months was concentrated on addressing a multitude of matters that residents and elected officials felt strongly about bringing forward, including the 1st concrete steps on building our Community Center and Beachwalk project. The final 6 months saw a crystallization of the proceeding three including finalization of location, orientation and plans for our new Community Center. Sprinkled into the preceding two years was everything else, including: working on new and improved codes and ordinances, fixing our police department, raising the performance and service standards for the municipal departments, getting grants for the 1st time, re-building relationships with neighboring towns, cities and villages, re-establishing a presence with the Florida League of Cities, and all of the other issues and activities I have written to you about in the last two years in this column.

Now, I can promise you that I, and I believe this Commission, plan on producing results that you can see from the many seeds we had planted in the last term.

### COMMUNITY CENTER

It likely will be the single most talked about, and attended to issue, that this Commission will have in front of it. We all expect it to be finished as promised by December 2009.

### SWITCHING FIRE SERVICES

Who knew, that when I brought up this single, simple cost saving idea that it would become a colossal political football and that we would have swarms of County Union members in our Town, trying to influence our election, backing their favored politicians who would protect County interests while ignoring ours. Surfside's now know why they were here: Because the County doesn't want us to go with the

Miami Beach Fire Department. The truth is, the County wants to consolidate (that's code for, eliminate) all the other fire departments in the County and replace them with one gigantic fire department. Sort of like the Post Office saying if you'll get rid of FedEx, UPS and DHL, we'll be able to provide better and cheaper service. Meanwhile, Miami Beach's Fire Department has a higher rating, is closer-only a few blocks south of Surfside, and will provide the service for \$2,000,000 less, each year! That means that Surfside can put the savings of \$2M towards paying off the +/- \$30M we are going to have to borrow to pay for our Community Center, Beachwalk, park improvements, and possible undergrounding of power lines, all without ANY tax increases. It's absolutely a "no brainer" and your past Commission, with the exception of Mr. Blumstein, had all voted for the proposal.

Now, however, there is more work to be done to make the fire service switch happen. With the political strength of the County Fire Union, the weakness of Surfside's County representative and the advocacy of Mr. Blumstein, the County recently passed an ordinance trying to block us from leaving. They did this AFTER we had voted to leave, and with the understanding that Surfside had a long standing agreement that we could change our minds on who provides our Fire Services. Needless to say, the opponents of Surfside making the fire service change to Miami Beach have greatly muddied the water, and because of this, we've now got to work that much harder to get it done - which I intend to do. (See why below)

### BEACHWALK

I am told that the Surveys are complete and this matter will be on the agenda for bids and then construction.

### PAYING FOR ALL THE ABOVE

**Straight Talk:** There never was any way to pay for our wish list items outlined above without a very large tax increase, which is exactly why for almost two years I have worked to switch to Miami Beach's Fire

Department to avoid a tax increase. In the absence of the Fire switch, we probably can find a way to use all of our savings and substantially cut out Town services to pay for the Community Center without a tax increase. But, we cannot likely undertake any of the other above-mentioned projects without a large and dedicated funding source (Tax increase). Right now it's one or the other, follow through with the Miami Beach Fire deal (if we can overcome all the new hurdles) or significantly increase our taxes.

### NOVEMBER BALLOT QUESTION

You now know exactly where we all stand on these subjects and while I wish I could have reported a rosier picture, we've clearly got some work to do. On a happier note, I'm very encouraged to read yesterday that there will most likely be a ballot question to be voted on in November that will substantially reduce the taxes on our homes. This ballot question offers residents the opportunity to remove the school portion of their real estate tax bill (nearly 40% in Surfside) in return for allowing a 1 penny sales tax increase. I like what I've read so far about it and I encourage everyone to look into this very important proposal.

As always, please write or call me with your thoughts. They very much help to keep me grounded and focused on what's important to you.

All the best,

Charlie

### March 25, 2008 Highlights of Special Commission Meeting

1. Commission elects Marc Imberman as Vice Mayor.

2. Gary Word was chosen as Town Manager of Surfside. (more details in next Gazette)

## A CITIZEN'S PARKING ADVISORY

The Surfside Library and the Community Center will soon be fully moved into the modular units behind Town Hall.



Resident parking for the re-located facilities is in the 93rd street lot, across from Town Hall.

## SURFSIDE LIBRARY



Library Director, **Suzanne McGlynn**  
(Center) & staff (R-L) **Leslie Liebesman**,  
**Maria Garcia**, **Jackie Elliott**



**ON THE MOVE!**



Payroll/Accounting Clerk,  
**Marisol Rodriguez**,  
helps with packing

### Surfside Commission Highlights (Continued from page 3)

resulting agreement dated July 27, 2006, providing for implementation of agreement; and providing for an effective date. **Vote: UNANIMOUS**

11. A Resolution of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida, waiving bid process pursuant to Section 3-13(3) of the Town of Surfside Code of Ordinances, approving replacement of sod and other incidental repair work at 96th Street Park to be provided by Country Bills Lawn Maintenance, piggybacking on the City of North Miami Bid #12-06-04, authorizing executive of purchase orders; and providing for an effective date. **Vote: UNANIMOUS**

12. A Resolution of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida, providing for the fiscal year 2007/2008 Police Confiscation Fund expenditure, in the amount of one hundred and fifteen thousand dollars to be funded by proceeds of confiscated funds. **Vote: UNANIMOUS**

13. A Resolution of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida, amending Resolution 2008-1803 appointing a Canvassing Board for the General Municipal Election to be held on March 18, 2008; and providing for an effective date. **Vote: UNANIMOUS**

#### In other matters...

#### From Feb. 26, 2008:

The Commission agreed that committee members should be recognized for their service to the Town and be issued Certificates of Appreciation at the March 11, 2008 Meeting.

#### On March 11, 2008:

Thomas Lederman, Training and Crime Prevention Coordinator, was recognized as Civilian of the Month.

The Commission will continue to look into financing options for the Community Center including revenue-based and other creative marketing opportunities.

## ELECTED OFFICIALS OF 2006 – 2008 THANK RESIDENTS

At the March 11th meeting of the previous Commission, residents who had served on a Board or Committee were thanked for their volunteer efforts, dedication and service to the community.





## BUILDING DEPARTMENT NEWS

For the convenience of Surfside residents and contractors, the Building Department is pleased to announce that a kiosk has been placed in the lobby of Town Hall, which contains all of the forms necessary to be utilized for the permitting process.



There are a variety of building and zoning applications, contractor requirements, and checklists available. The kiosk is located in front of the lobby counter. It is accessible after 5:00 p.m. and on weekends.

## Surfside Commission Honors Teachers Of The Year: Olga Torguet, Emily Davis And Juan Camarotti

At the Commission meeting on March 11th, Lea Coto, representing the Education Committee, announced the selection of Olga Torguet, Emily Davis and Juan Camarotti as Teachers of the Year by their respective school faculties. Mayor, Charles Burkett, presented honors to each of them in recognition of their commitment to the children of Surfside and neighboring communities.

**Olga Torguet (Ruth K. Broad Bay Harbor Elementary)** teaches classes for special needs students from Kindergarten to 6th grade. Mrs. Torguet also serves the school in other capacities, such as member of the Exceptional Student Education Committee and Chairperson of the Multicultural Committee. She has written several grants that have enabled her to purchase books, audio visuals, computer software and an FM system to enhance students' auditory processing.

Mrs. Torguet has strived to improve and enhance the education experience for children of Varying Exceptionalities, including those with learning disabilities, Autism Spectrum Disorder and physical/mental impairments. Among her many accomplishments are: the creation of a points/rewards based behavior management system designed to motivate and increase students' on-task behavior; inclusion of music, poetry and puppets into the curriculum for students with lower cognitive abilities to enhance their learning experience; and, development of special materials and curriculum adaptation for a visually impaired student. Mrs. Torguet's dedi-

cation and commitment to helping those with special challenges serve as true inspiration to her students, their parents and to the entire community.

**Emily Davis, (Nautilus Middle School)** teaches Language Arts and Speech and Debate. She holds a Masters Degree from Barry University and is a University of Florida trained Master Gardener. She belongs to numerous historical and cultural organizations and has done extensive volunteer work in the community. She also writes with the South Florida Novelettes, a group of professional writers.

A second career for Davis, she claims a lifelong desire to teach school. Her most recent idea is a collaborative greenhouse gardening project so students can be totally involved and see how seeds become food. She says horticulture is a strong link between science and the humanities, and that middle schoolers are the perfect age to make the connections which allow them to excel in both. She believes it is critical that students know the history of where they live and interesting facts about their community. Davis is certain that informed students will develop into more involved, effective citizens. The award-winning Speech and Debate students perform in at least two oratory competitions every year. She says it's never too early to teach students how to evaluate their options.

**Juan Camarotti, (Miami Beach Senior High School)** has been a dedicated teacher and coach for 33 years



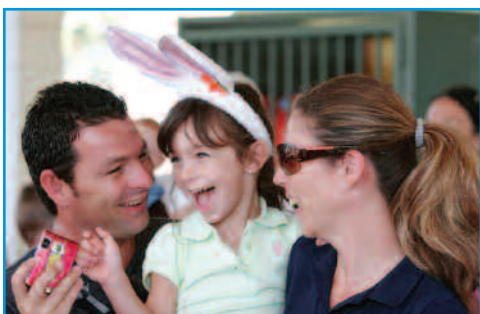
(L-R) **Emily Davis** (Nautilus Middle School), **Olga Torguet** (Bay Harbor Elementary, Surfside Mayor **Charles Burkett** and **Juan Camarotti** (Miami Beach Sr. High).

Known as "Big Cam", Mr. Camarotti teaches dance and weight training, and coaches wrestling and cross-country. Just stop by school any day during lunch and you will find him in the school's courtyard deejaying salsa music. "In 1979 I came to Beach High and never looked back. I moved to the Beach in 1980. This has been, and is, my community. I am proud to be a teacher/coach at the school I love," says Camarotti.

Recently, he was named to the National Wrestling Hall of Fame for his contributions to high school wrestling. His interest in teaching began at a young age. Camarotti recalls, "When I was 16 years old I saw Jim Banek, an elementary school teacher having fun with kids. Right at that moment I told him I wanted to make a living having fun with kids." Decades later he is still having fun. So much fun, in fact, that even as he approaches retirement, he still wants to continue teaching.



# SPRING EGG HUNT













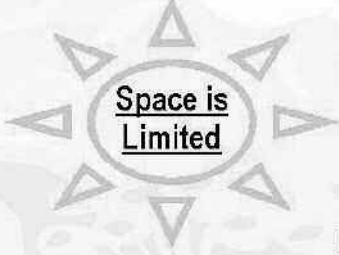
Town of Surfside Recreation Department

# SURFS UP AT SURFSIDE

**Live** the thrill of riding a wave! Come join our surf lessons taught by Florida Surf Lessons certified instructors. This program will enhance your child's relationship with the ocean. Boys and girls will be taught the basics of surfing, paddling, judging and catching a wave, standing up, and most importantly safety.

## SURF LESSONS

Sundays April 13th — May 4th



**Space is  
Limited**

Ages 5 – 8

Time: 9:30 am – 11:00 am

Ages 9 – 15

Time: 11:00 am – 12:30 pm



**Lesson Fees:** Resident \$ 100.00 per session (4 Lessons)

Non – Resident \$ 150.00 per session (4 Lessons)

Lessons will be held at 9301 Collins Avenue on the BEACH. (In front of the Lifeguard Tower) Surf boards will be Provided.

### **ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST KNOW HOW TO SWIM! NO EXCEPTIONS**

Registration for Surfside Residents begins March 10th and Non-Residents registration begins March 24th. Registration will be held at the Town of Surfside Community Center, Sunday thru Saturday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Proof of residency is required at the time of registration. For more information, please call (305) 866-3635 or visit [www.townofsurfsidefl.gov](http://www.townofsurfsidefl.gov) REFUNDS WILL NOT BE GIVEN FOR CLASSES MISSED!

The Town of Surfside Parks and Recreation Department

# Senior Trip to ... Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden

One of the world's preeminent botanic gardens, with extensive collections of rare tropical plants including palms, cycads, flowering trees and vines. Established in 1938, the 83-acre garden is among the region's most popular visitor attractions and offers a variety of programs in environmental education, conservation and horticulture. An international leader in tropical plant research, Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden plays an important part in preserving the biodiversity of the tropical environment.

April 17, 2008

Buses will leave promptly at 10:30 am from the Community Center.

Buses will return approximately at 3:30 pm

Cost: \$10.00 Residents

\$15.00 Non-Residents

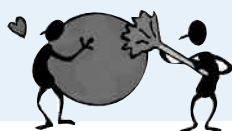
(Fees Include: Transportation, Admission and Special Tram Tour)

Registration will be held at the Recreation Office Sunday thru Saturday from 9:00am—5:00pm. Registration is limited on a first come first serve basis. For more information contact the Community Center at (305) 866-3635 or visit [www.townofsurfsidefl.gov](http://www.townofsurfsidefl.gov)



# Baynanza Biscayne Bay Clean-Up Day

## Saturday, April 19, 2008



Baynanza Biscayne Bay Cleanup Day 2008 will take place Saturday, April 19 from 9:00 a.m. - noon. You're invited to the biggest shoreline cleanup in Miami-Dade County! Join thousands of volunteers like you who want to make a difference. The annual event is hosted by the Miami-Dade Department of Environmental Resources Management. There will be free T-shirts and water for all registered Cleanup volunteers who provide their complete contact information by the registration deadline (April 4, 2008). It's easy to register. Just go online at [http://www.miamidade.gov/derm/volunteer\\_form.asp](http://www.miamidade.gov/derm/volunteer_form.asp). If you would like additional information please phone (305) 372-6784.

Biscayne Bay Cleanup Day is a great event for all ages and community service hours can be arranged. So pack a lunch, and bring your friends and family!

**This year, due to the deconstruction of the Community Center, Baynanza for Surfside will be staged at 9401 Collins Avenue behind the Best Western.**

Surfside is one of a handful of communities that will participate in a pilot recycling program. Some volunteers will be picking up plastic bottles and cans, which will be placed in a separate dumpster for recyclables. Surfside will be recycling some of the beach garbage this year instead of placing all of it in the landfill!

**Many thanks to the Best Western of Surfside for their assistance with this event.  
Looking forward to see you there!**

## "GOING GREEN": ENERGY SAVING TIP OF THE MONTH

**With gas prices at record highs, there are a few things  
you can do to help conserve gas:**

- Aggressive driving (speeding, rapid acceleration, and hard braking) wastes gas. It can lower your highway gas mileage 33% and city mileage 5%.
- Avoid high speeds. Above 60 mph, gas mileage drops rapidly.
- Replace clogged air filters to improve gas mileage by as much as 10% and protect your engine.
- When running errands, combine trips instead of several short trips.



## SURFSIDE BEACH CLUB

(April)

### Rental Hours & Fees

Sunday - Saturday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Fees: Lounge Chairs

Residents \$3.00 for 3 hours or less; \$4.00 Full day

Non-resident \$6.00 for 3 hours or less; \$9.00 Full day

Umbrellas

Residents \$2.00 for 3 hours or less; \$3.00 Full day

Non-residents \$4.00 for 3 hours or less; \$7.00 Full day



**For Surfside Residents only:** The 1st chair & umbrella rental is **free** for the day, per group/family. The fees listed above will apply for additional chair and umbrella rentals.

# Parks & Recreation Department

## Until further notice....

- Senior programs, adult classes, most youth classes\* and the Miami-Dade Adult Education classes are TEMPORARILY on hold while the Community Center staff completes the move to the modular units behind Town Hall.
- The current \*"Kidokinetics" program for 2-4 (TOT) & 3-5 year olds will continue to be held at the 96th Street Park until May 12 and April 24, respectively.
- The "Surfs Up" program runs from Apr. 13 through May 4 for 5-8 year olds and 9-15 year olds.
- The Game Room is closed.

For **SUMMER AND TEEN TRAVEL CAMP**  
registration/information, please contact (305) 861-4863.

## Surfside Tennis Center

The regularly scheduled Hours of Operation are listed below:

Monday - Thursday	8:30 am to 10:00 pm
Friday - Sunday	8:30 am to 5:30 pm

### "Meet, Greet, and Play Tennis"

Monday	Adult	8:00 am - 10:30 pm.
Thursday	Adult	8:00 am - 10:30 pm

Fee: \$9 per person for residents, • \$10 non-resident per person

### "Sign Up Doubles"

Wednesday	Adult / Juniors	7:30 pm - 9:30 pm
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Reservations Required

Fee: \$6 per person for residents / \$8 non-residents per person.

"Match making services available. Let us make a tennis match for you"

For more information contact the Tennis Center at (305) 866-5176.



## THE MIAMI SHORES AQUATIC CENTER

### 10200 Biscayne Blvd.



Hours of Operation: Call (305) 795-2241, or check [www.miamishoresvillage.com](http://www.miamishoresvillage.com). Bus Service Schedule Available: [www.townofsursidefl.gov](http://www.townofsursidefl.gov). Surfsiders must present a valid, updated resident ID card.

The Aquatic Center will be CLOSED on April 21, 2008.



## Surfside Police Officer, Joaquin Polanco Wins Miami-Dade County's Law Enforcement Patrol "Officer Of The Year" Award

The Law Enforcement Officers (LEO) awards are an annual event that recognizes outstanding law enforcement officers and prosecutors from throughout Miami-Dade County on the local, state and federal level. Officers are nominated by their respective departments and a panel of judges reviews all nominations and selects the winner. Police agencies are broken down into

three categories based upon the number of sworn personnel.

Ofc. Polanco was recognized for the outstanding year he had in 2007 which included the arrest of a burglary subject from the Best Western Hotel, the arrest of a bank robber and the arrest of two subjects who were burglarizing construction sites. He is consistently one of the top producers in the department.

Joaquin is well deserving of this prestigious award. The police department is very proud of him, and his accomplishments. He is dedicated to the principles and practices of community policing and is proactive in the performance of his duties. He truly exemplifies the new type of officer working in Surfside.



Joaquin Polanco

## Crime Prevention / Training Coordinator, Tom Lederman Recognized As Police Department "Civilian Of The Month"

At the Commission meeting held on March 11th, the Surfside Police Department honored Crime Prevention/Training Coordinator, Tom Lederman as Civilian of the Month.

Tom Lederman began his Surfside Police Department career in October 2007, in a new position, as the Crime Prevention /Training Coordinator. His challenge was to create a positive and proactive partnership with the community through innovative crime prevention practices, and raise the standards of the police department with exceptional

and progressive training. Tom succeeded in both goals.

The community is now welcome and part of the police department. Tom has implemented monthly crime prevention workshops with the community, partnered with Publix on crime prevention fairs, presented crime awareness seminars at Town, tourist, and business events, represented Surfside PD at crime prevention meetings, and coordinated two successful Citizen Police Academies with the third begun in March.

With the training objective, Tom has qualified all officers with firearms, and initiated new instruction on rifles, bicycles, ATVs, driver improvement, criminal investigations, and officer survival. He has conducted individual and roll call training on first line supervision, narcotics, prostitution, and terrorism. Tom's professionalism, expertise, and easy going demeanor has built a stronger relationship with residents and improved the Surfside Police Department.



(L-R) Tom Lederman accepts award from Asst. Police Chief, John Di Censo

## SURFSIDE POLICE CRIME STATISTICS Monthly Activity by Classification

CLASSIFICATION.....	JAN	FEB	+/-
HOMICIDE.....	0	0	0
INVOLUNTARY SEXUAL BATTERY .....	0	0	0
LEWD / LASCIVIOUS.....	0	0	0
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT-BATTERY.....	1	0	-1
BURGLARY STRUCTURE.....	1	2	1
BURGLARY CONVEYANCE .....	2	2	0
GRAND THEFT .....	2	2	0
FRAUD .....	0	3	3
ROBBERY .....	0	0	0
GRAND THEFT AUTO .....	0	3	3
<b>TOTAL PART I CRIMES.....</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>6</b>
BATTERY SIMPLE .....	6	2	-4
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.....	5	5	0
THEFT UNDER .....	10	7	-3
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF.....	0	2	2
DRIVING UNDER INFLUENCE .....	3	3	0
<b>TOTAL PART II CRIMES.....</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>-5</b>
TRAFFIC CITATIONS.....	723	566	-157
ARRESTS .....	67	68	1
PARKING CITATIONS .....	534	658	124

### The Surfside Police Department Invites

**Residents and their Children to attend a CHILD SAFETY DAY**  
**Wednesday, April 16, 2008**  
**3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.**



#### FEATURING:

- Fingerprinting
- DNA Kits
- K-9 Demonstrations



**LOCATION:**  
**96th Street Park**  
**(9572 Bay Drive)**

Light refreshments will be served.

For further information, please contact  
Surfside Police Special Projects  
Coordinator, Wanda Flores at  
(305) 861-4862 ext. 283.

## April 2008 Calendar

COMMISSION MEETING IS TUESDAY, APRIL 8 AT 7:00 PM

Education Committee.....Time & Date to be determined. Contact Town Hall for details.  
 Green Committee.....Time & Date to be determined. Contact Town Hall for details.  
 Parks & Rec. Committee.....Time & Date to be determined. Contact Town Hall for details.  
 Tourist Bureau.....Time & Date to be determined. Contact Town Hall for details.

### BAYNANZA

Sat., April 19th, 9:00 am – Noon  
 Behind the Best Western, 9401 Collins Avenue

### UPCOMING:

Opening of Library & Community Center Modulares.....Date to be determined.  
 Memorial Day.....Mon. May 26

Please note that all times & dates listed, except Town Commission meetings, are tentative and subject to change.  
 To verify the information, contact Town Hall at (305) 861-4863, visit the Website [www.townofsurfsidefl.gov](http://www.townofsurfsidefl.gov)  
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#### Town Commission

Charles W. Burkett	Mayor
Marc Imberman	Vice Mayor
Howard S. Weinberg	Commissioner
Steven Levine	Commissioner
Elizabeth Calderon	Commissioner

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#### Town Officials

Pamela Brangaccio	Interim Town Mgr.
Beatris Arguelles	Town Clerk
Weiss, Serota et al.	Town Attorney
David E. Allen	Police Chief

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Community Center	(305) 866-3635
Tennis Courts	(305) 866-5176
Tourist Bureau	(305) 864-0722
Library	(305) 865-2409
Surfside Police Department	(305) 861-4862

#### Emergency Only

Fire/Police	(305) 861-1115
All Other:	(305) 861-4862

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